

CNG stations in Delhi

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vehicles in Delhi running on CNG at present;

(b) whether Government are aware that CNG stations are much less in comparison to the demands of CNG and the vehicle owners have to wait for their turn at least one to two hours at the filling stations;

(c) if so, what is Government's plan to increase those stations in Delhi during the current year; and

(d) whether Government would appoint an Expert Committee to find an early solution to help the public get CNG at a faster pace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Presently there are approximately 28,000 vehicles running on CNG in Delhi.

(b) As on date the demand of CNG is less than the production and it is adequately meeting the requirement of present number of vehicles. The long wait at CNG outlets are caused by the autos queuing up at the 21 mother and online outlets where compressors have been installed for refilling, instead of going to the remaining 47 stations where the pressure is slightly less.

(c) Another 12 CNG outlets are planned to be established during 2001-2002.

(d) No, Sir. However, to increase the pressure at daughter stations to speed up refilling of CNG, booster compressors are being installed.